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MESSAGE: Attached please find Combined Amendment & Petition for Extension of Time Transmittal Letter with authorization to charge deposit account #50-1619 in the amount of \$210.00 for extension of time filing fees; Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 mailed November 17, 2003 and Certificate of Transmission by Facsimile.

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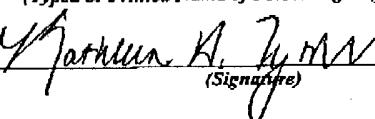
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Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2003 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. A Petition for a two (2) month extension of time and the requisite fee are provided herewith. Please enter the following remarks and amendments into the record.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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